

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 1-12 and 15-19; amend claims 20, 31, and 37; and add new claims 38-54, as indicated below in the listing of claims.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-19 (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) A hedging processor for monitoring business transactions ~~to provide foreign currency exchange hedging instructions and to provide foreign currency price information~~ for goods of commerce of a customer in a first type of currency, comprising:

at least one input for receiving business transaction information regarding a plurality of business transactions including purchases or sales of goods by a customer, for receiving hedging rules from the customer and set by the customer, wherein said hedging rules define a first user-specified event ~~that triggers a processor~~ to initiate an exchange ~~from a~~ of the customer's first type of currency to a second type of currency on the customer's behalf, for receiving pricing rules from the customer and set by the customer, wherein said pricing rules define a second user-specified event to update foreign currency prices of said goods, and for receiving public price information from at least one of a plurality of foreign exchange (FX) rate providers or FX liquidity providers, ~~wherein said pricing rules define a second user-specified event that triggers the processor to provide updated public foreign currency prices of said goods; and~~

~~the a processor for generating public price information to provide foreign currency prices of said goods to the customer, based on said pricing rules, and operably arranged with said at least one input, the processor containing a computer readable program code~~ for generating hedging instruction information to provide instructions to an FX-rate provider ~~from~~ at least one of the plurality of FX rate providers or FX liquidity providers ~~on whether to exchange from~~ said first type of currency to said second type of currency, based on said hedging rules and the occurrence of the first user specified event, ~~wherein the FX rate provider exchanges the first currency into the second currency based~~

on said hedging instructions and for generating public price information to provide updated foreign currency prices of said goods to the customer, based on said pricing rules.

21. (Original) The processor of claim 20, wherein said transaction information is received via at least one transaction data stream, wherein said public price information is generated as at least one price data stream, and wherein said hedging instruction information is generated as at least one hedging instruction data stream.

22. (Previously Presented) The processor of claim 20, wherein said at least one input further receives, from the plurality of FX rate providers or FX liquidity providers, market rate information having current market foreign exchange rates including rates for exchanging said first type of currency to said second type of currency, and vice-versa.

23. (Original) The processor of claim 22, wherein said public price information is further based on the received market rate information.

24. (Original) The processor of claim 23, wherein said market rate information is received via at least one market rate data stream.

25. (Previously Presented) The processor of claim 20, wherein said pricing rules further define when to update said foreign currency prices of said goods, based on at least one of when the current market rate fluctuates by at least a first predetermined amount, when the rate from the public price information deviates from the current market rate by at least a second predetermined amount, after the expiration of a predetermined time interval, or any combination thereof.

26. (Original) The processor of claim 25, wherein said pricing rules further define rules to update said foreign currency prices of said goods, based on either the actual current market rate or said actual current market rate adjusted by a predetermined amount.

27. (Previously Presented) The processor of claim 20, wherein said hedging rules further define when to exchange said first and second types of currency, based on at least one of when the current market rate deviates from the market rate information by at least a first predetermined percent, after the expiration of a predetermined time interval, after a predetermined amount of units of said goods are sold or purchased, after a predetermined amount of currency received from sales or due from purchases of said goods, or any combination thereof.

28. (Original) The processor of claim 27, wherein said hedging rules further define an amount to exchange said first and second types of currency, based on either a total accumulated revenue or deficit of said first type of currency or a predetermined percent of said total.

29. (Previously Presented) The processor of claim 20, wherein said processor is configured within at least one of a local network or a stand-alone computer of said customer.

30. (Original) The processor of claim 20, wherein said processor is configured within an application service provider, remote from said customer.

31. (Currently Amended) The processor of claim 20, further comprising at least one output, the at least one output operably arranged with the processor for forwarding at least one hedging instruction data stream to the FX rate provider of said customer, and for exchanging, by said FX rate provider, currency of said first type to currency of said second type based on the received hedging instruction data stream at least one of the plurality of FX rate providers or FX liquidity providers.

32. (Original) The processor of claim 31, wherein said market rate data stream is received from said FX rate provider of said customer.

33. (Previously Presented) The processor of claim 20, wherein the FX rate provider of the plurality of FX rate providers or FX liquidity providers includes a multi-bank, an individual bank, a non-bank offering a live market foreign exchange price stream and an exchange service based on said price stream, or any combination thereof.

34. (Previously Presented) The processor of claim 20, wherein business transaction information includes a transaction data stream received from a business-to-business (B2B) portal, wherein said B2B portal is a medium to allow said customer to buy or sell said goods.

35. (Previously Presented) The processor of claim 34, wherein said B2B portal is at least one of an online marketplace, a vendor, a purchaser, or any combination thereof.

36. (Previously Presented) The processor of claim 35, further comprising at least one output to forward hedge instruction data streams and the public price data streams as an electronic ticket to at least one of said customer, said FX rate provider, said B2B portal, or any combination thereof.

37. (Currently Amended) A hedging processor for monitoring business transactions ~~to provide foreign currency exchange hedging instructions and to provide foreign currency price information~~ for goods of commerce of a customer in a first type of currency, comprising:

at least one input for receiving business transaction information from a customer regarding a plurality of business transactions including purchases or sales of goods ~~by a customer~~, for receiving hedging currency exchange rules from a customer and set by the customer, wherein the currency exchange rules define a customer-specified event that triggers a processor to initiate an exchange of a first currency to a second currency for the customer, and for receiving public price information from at least one of a plurality of foreign exchange (FX) rate providers or FX liquidity providers, ~~wherein said hedging rules define a user-specified event that triggers a processor to initiate an exchange from a first currency to a second currency, on the customer's behalf; and~~

the a processor operably arranged with said at least one input, the processor containing a computer readable program code for generating public price information to provide foreign prices of said goods, based on at least one of a predetermined foreign exchange rate, and for generating hedging currency exchange instruction information to provide instructions to an FX rate provider from at least one of the plurality of FX rate providers or FX liquidity providers ~~on whether to exchange from said first currency to said second currency, based on said hedging currency exchange rules and the occurrence of the user-specified event, wherein the FX rate provider exchanges the first currency into the second currency based on the hedging instructions.~~

38. (New) A computerized method for administering transactions involving goods of commerce with a plurality of currency types comprising the steps of:

receiving, by a hedging processor, currency exchange rules from a customer and set by the customer, wherein said currency exchange rules define a first customer-specified event that triggers the hedging processor to initiate an exchange of a first type of currency to a second type of currency for the customer;

generating, by the hedging processor, currency exchange instruction information to provide instructions to exchange said first type of currency to said second type of currency for the customer;

receiving, by the hedging processor, transaction information concerning the customer's transactions involving said goods;

upon the occurrence of said first customer-specified event, forwarding, by the hedging processor, the currency exchange instruction information to at least one of a plurality of foreign exchange (FX) rate providers based on said currency exchange rules.

39. (New) The computerized method for administering transactions according to claim 38, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the hedging processor, pricing rules from the customer and set by the customer, wherein said pricing rules define a second customer-specified event that triggers the hedging processor to provide updated pricing of said goods in at least one of said first type of currency and said second type of currency based upon public price information provided by at least one of the plurality of FX rate providers;

upon the occurrence of the second customer user-specified event, receiving, by the hedging processor, updated pricing information of said goods from at least one of the plurality of FX rate providers based on said pricing rules.

40. (New) The computerized method for administering transactions according to claim 39, wherein said transaction information is received via at least one transaction data stream, wherein said updated pricing information is received as at least one price data stream, and wherein said currency exchange instruction information is generated as at least one currency exchange instruction data stream.

41. (New) The computerized method for administering transactions according to claim 40, further comprising the step of receiving, from one of the plurality of FX rate providers or a foreign exchange liquidity provider, market rate information having current market foreign exchange rates, including rates for exchanging said first type of currency to said second type of currency, and vice-versa.

42. (New) The computerized method for administering transactions according to claim 41, wherein said step of generating said updated pricing information is further based on the received market rate information.

43. (New) The computerized method for administering transactions according to claim 42, wherein said market rate information is received via at least one market rate data stream.

44. (New) The computerized method for administering transactions according to claim 42, wherein said pricing rules further define when to update said foreign currency prices of said goods, based on at least one of when the current market rate fluctuates by at least a first predetermined amount, when the rate from the public price information deviates from the current market rate by at least a second predetermined amount, after the expiration of a predetermined time interval, or any combination thereof.

45. (New) The computerized method for administering transactions according to claim 44, wherein said pricing rules further define rules to update said foreign currency prices of said goods, based on either the actual current market rate or said actual current market rate adjusted by a predetermined amount.

46. (New) The computerized method for administering transactions according to claim 39, wherein said currency exchange rules further define when to exchange said first and second types of currency, based on at least one of when the current market rate deviates from the market rate information by at least a first predetermined percent, after the expiration of a predetermined time interval, after a predetermined amount of units of said goods are sold or purchased, after a predetermined amount of currency received from sales or due from purchases of said goods, or any combination thereof.

47. (New) The computerized method for administering transactions according to claim 46, wherein said currency exchanging rules further define an amount to exchange said first and second types of currency, based on either a total accumulated revenue or deficit of said first type of currency or a predetermined percent of said total.

48. (New) The computerized method for administering transactions according to claim 43, further comprising the steps of: forwarding said at least one currency exchanging instruction data stream to a foreign exchange (FX) rate provider of said customer.

49. (New) The computerized method for administering transactions according to claim 48, wherein said market rate data stream is received from said FX rate provider of said customer.

50. (New) The computerized method for administering transactions according to claim 48, wherein the plurality of FX rate providers include a multi-bank, an individual bank, a non-bank offering a live market foreign exchange rate stream and an exchange service based on said price stream, or any combination thereof.

51. (New) The computerized method for administering transactions according to claim 49, wherein said transaction data stream is received from a business-to-business (B2B) portal, wherein said B2B portal is a medium to allow said customer to buy or sell said goods.

52. (New) The computerized method for administering transactions according to claim 51, wherein said B2B portal is at least one of an online marketplace, a vendor, a purchaser, or any combination thereof.

53. (New) The computerized method for administering transactions according to claim 52, further comprising the step of forwarding the currency exchange instruction data streams and the public price data streams as an electronic ticket to at least one of said customer, said foreign exchange rate provider, said B2B portal, or any combination thereof.

54. (New) A computerized method for monitoring business transactions to provide foreign currency exchange hedging instructions and to provide foreign currency price information for goods of commerce, comprising the steps of:

receiving, by a hedging processor, hedging rules sent and set by a customer, the hedging rules defining a customer-specified event that triggers the hedging processor to initiate an exchange of the customer's first type of currency to a second type of currency;

generating, by the hedging processor, public price information to provide foreign prices of said goods, based on at least one of a predetermined foreign exchange rate received from at least one of a plurality of foreign exchange (FX) rate providers;

generating, by the hedging processor, hedging instruction information to provide instructions based on said hedging rules to exchange said first type of currency to said second type of currency; and

receiving, by the hedging processor, transaction information concerning the customer's transactions involving said goods;

upon the occurrence of the user-specified event, transmitting, by the hedging processor, the hedging instruction information to those designated in said hedging rules.